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Official statement of cases in lazaretto.

Official report of cases in the lazaretto of Merida June 7 and 8 shows, on June 8, 5 cases of yellow fever, 8 cases suspected, and 2 cases of other diseases. There are probably other cases of yellow fever in Merida, but all cases of suspicious character are separately reported, both in Merida and Progreso.

Report from Veracruz—Funigation of vessels—Two yellow fever cases.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lumsden reports, June 13, as follows: During the week ended June 11, 1904, six vessels bound for United States ports were inspected and given bills of health.

The following vessels were fumigated with sulphur dioxid and given certificates: June 8, British steamship *Senator*, bound for New Orleans;

June 10, British steamship Cycle, bound for Ship Island.

During the week there were recorded in the city of Veracruz 29 deaths (46.4 per 1,000, annual death rate) from all causes, including 1 from yellow fever, 2 from remittent fever, and 5 from tuberculosis.

One new case of yellow fever was reported on June 9. The case was in the person of a prisoner at San Juan de Uloa fortress. As the man had not been away from the fortress for many months prior to the beginning of his illness, he undoubtedly became infected there.

A case of yellow fever occurred on June 4, but notice of it was not received by this office in time for it to be included in my report for the week ended on that date. This case was in the person of a soldier at San Juan de Uloa fortress, whose history indicates that this man, too, became infected at the fortress. Rains have been frequent during the week, and the number-of mosquitoes is gradually increasing.

Yellow fever on steamship Vigilancia at Veracruz, from Progreso.

VERACRUZ, MEXICO, June 19, 1904.

WYMAN, Washington:

Ward Line steamer Vigilancia arrived June 17 with a suspicious case of fever among second-class passengers from Progreso. Man was taken immediately to hospital. Diagnosis yellow fever made yesterday by local authorities, and second-class passengers' compartment of vessel fumigated. I supervise fumigation entire vessel to-morrow after completion discharge cargo.

LUMSDEN.

Note: History of previous yellow fever infection on steamship Vigilancia.

Ön August 4, 1902, at Habana from Veracruz. One case yellow fever removed from *Vigilancia* to Las Animas hospital. Death occurred August 5.

On July 8, 1903, at Habana from Progreso. One case landed July 7, transferred from his home to Las Animas hospital, was officially declared yellow fever by the commission. Death occurred July 13.

On June 10, 1904, at Habana from Veracruz. A very suspicious case removed to Las Animas hospital. Last reported as still under observation.

See Public Health Reports, 1902, page 2008; 1903, pages 1152, 1194; 1904, page 1167.